

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

IN RE WASHINGTON MUTUAL
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES
LITIGATION

CASE NO. C09-37 MJP

**ORDER DENYING
CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION**

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This matter comes before the Court on the parties' supplemental confidentiality stipulation relating to loan file productions. (Dkt. No. 344.) Having reviewed the stipulation, the Court DENIES the proposed order. The parties appear to propose that the Court excuse them from complying with any and all privacy laws in regard to producing nonparty borrower information. (Dkt. No. 344 at 4-5.) The parties have largely failed to identify what those laws are and why their compliance with them should be excused. The Court cannot simply grant the parties carte blanche to ignore any relevant laws much less "explicitly prohibit[]" the parties' compliance with those laws. (*Id.* at 5.) The request itself is difficult for the Court to understand given its vagueness and the poorly described basis for granting the relief requested. The Court

1 will consider a renewed request for an exemption from a specific privacy laws. Such a future
2 request must: (1) identify the laws from which compliance is sought to be exempted; (2) the
3 reasons for such an exemption; and (3) why compliance is not possible or unreasonable. The
4 parties are also directed to cease employing the “WHEREAS” format the parties seem so
5 inclined to use. The Court finds it unhelpful to the presentation of the parties’ positions and the
6 resolution of any disputes.

7 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to all counsel.

8 Dated this 27th day of October, 2011.

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Marsha J. Pechman
United States District Judge